

This is a short quiz about earthworms. You need to guess the answer by circling which answer you think is right.

Check your answer after you have been given more information.

1 *There are approximately:*

- a) 40 types of earthworms
- b) 3,000 types of earthworms
- c) 200 types of earthworms

The correct answer is:

2 *A worm's body has:*

- a) no legs, no arms, no eyes
- b) no legs, no arms – only eyes
- c) very small legs, eyes and no arms

The correct answer is:

3 *In one kilometre of soil, there can be:*

- a) 500 earthworms
- b) more than a million earthworms
- c) 3,000 earthworms

The correct answer is:

4 *The longest an earthworm can grow is:*

- a) one metre
- b) ten centimetres
- c) 30 centimetres

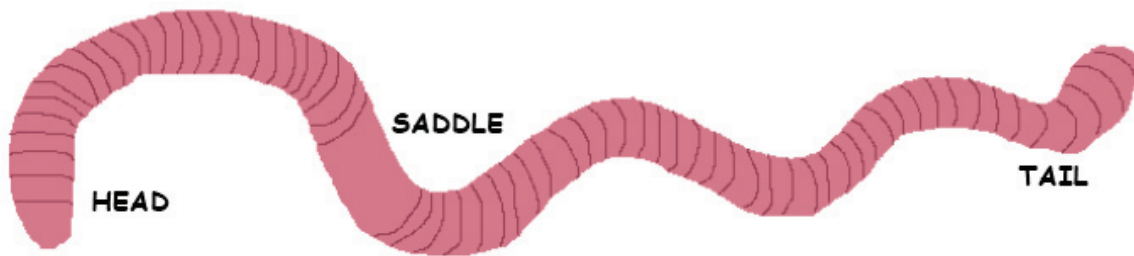
The correct answer is:

5 *The amount a worm can eat is:*

- a) hardly anything at all
- b) about half of its body weight, each day
- c) all of its body weight, each day

The correct answer is:

WORM FACT SHEET



A worm's body

Worms have no eyes, arms, legs or lungs like humans do. Worms move through the soil by making a slimy mucus that helps them slide through the soil.

A worm can grow between 9-30cm long, depending on how old it is and how well fed it is.

Even though worms don't have eyes, they can sense light. They move away from light and will become paralyzed if exposed to light for too long.

How many earthworms?

In one kilometre of land, there can be more than a million earthworms. There are approximately 3,000 different types of earthworms.

Eating habits

Even though worms have tiny mouths, they can eat their the same amount as its body weight, each day.

Habitat

Worms live where there is food, moisture, oxygen and a favorable temperature. If they don't have these things, they go somewhere else.

Why are worms important?

1. Worms are nature's recyclers. They eat leaves and dead plants, chewing it and turning it into fertile soil – perfect for big, healthy plants.
2. When the worms move underground they make air holes in the soil. Ideal for plant roots and other underground creatures.
3. Worms are at the bottom of many food chains. This means there are lots of other animals that eat worms such as hedgehogs, birds and badgers.
4. Earthworms are like farmers.
They help to "turn" the soil—
bringing down organic matter from
the top and mixing it with the soil
below.
5. Having worms around in your garden
is a sign that you have a healthy soil.

